Letter of Intent to M/s. Reliance Petroleum Limited for setting up a 15 MMTPA grass-root Refinery project near Jamnagar. Gujarat.

The Company has reported that 5296 acres of land has been acquired and has offered employment to the land sellers in the ratio of one person per 10 bigha for those who wanted the employment. The Company has paid additional compensation for those who did not seek employment. So far 128 Certificates of employment have been issued, out of which 60 have been provided direct/ indirect employment, depending on their job suitability. For the balance, the company is planning to provide training, etc. to create a suitable job opportunity.

Norms for Release of L.P.G. Connections

1377. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:
SHRI AKHILESH DAS:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what norms have been laid down for releasing L.P.G. connections to consumers, as per the policy announced recently by Government and the imodaltties framed for distribution;

(b) whether it is a fact that connections would be made available to consumers on payment of Rs.4000 to the Public Sector Oil Companies; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) As per the modified Tatkal Scheme, especially meant for persons in urgent need, which has come into effect from 20.2.97, any person can have an LPG connection under this scheme by paying a non-refundable amount of Rs.4000/-in addition to regular security deposit towards cylinders and regulator, subject to the condition that he does not altcady possess an LPG connection. The connection will be installed at customer premises by the dealer within seven days from the date of receipt of application. The application has to be submitted to the distributor or Area Officer of IOC, HPC and BPC.

Under the normal policy, LPG connections arc released to the wait listed customers on maturity of their turn, depending on annual enrolment plan, . slack available with the distributor and allotment cf new connections to distributor, on payment of normal security charges.

मिट्टी के तेल का अभाव

1378. **श्री रामजीलाल :** क्या प्रधानमंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में मिट्टी के तेल का कितना अभाव है औ इसके क्या कारण है,

(ख) देश में इसकी खपत कितनी है और उत्पादन कितना है,

(ग) मिट्टी के तेल का कितनी मात्रा में आयात किया जा रहा है और किन-किन देशों से आयात किया जा रहा है तथा किस दर पर, और

(घ) वर्ष 1995-96 के दौरान इस सबंध में कितनी धनराशि की राजसहायता प्रदान की है?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री टी.आर.बालु) : (क) मिट्टी तेल देश में कमी वाला उत्पाद है तथा हमारी 40 प्रतिशत से अधिक आवश्यकता आयातों क्षरा पूरी की जाती है । राज्यों को मिट्टी तेल का आबंटन पूर्वाधारो पर अर्थात् विगत में आबंटन और बचत के साथ अतिरिक्त उपलब्धता में से अनुमेय वृद्धि के आधार पर किया जाता है । राज्य सरकारों से समय-समय पर अतिरिक्त आबंटन के लिए अनुरोध प्राप्त होते रहते हैं । परन्तु, उत्पाद उपलब्धता, विदेशी विनिमय और शामिल भारी राजसहायता की कठिनाइयों के कारण राज्यों की संपूर्ण मांग पूरी करना संभव नहीं है ।

(ख) संशोधित सनुपातों के अनुसार वर्ष 1996-97 के दौरान मिट्टी तेल का उत्पादन और खपत क्रमंश: 6.07 एम एम टी और 968 एम एम टी है ।